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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 20 October 2011 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant's amendment to claims 44 and 47 has not substantially changed the scope of previously allowed claims 1-50

	/DOMINIC E REGO/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2618
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